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## *Views of Readers*

an populace of South Vietnam  
is a vital key to the successful  
achievement of our objectives in  
Vietnam. . . .

P. J. BOOGAERTS,  
Lt. Colonel USMCR  
Commanding.

### CIA Should Know

New Orleans.

Editor, The Times-Picayune:

In the July 2 issue it was  
stated that Tom Bethell stated  
that from a check into the Na-  
tional Archives in Washington,  
from a list of hidden informa-  
tion, it appeared that the CIA  
knew "a great deal about Lee  
Harvey Oswald before the as-  
sassination." The implication  
Mr. Bethell makes is that the  
CIA should not have had any  
information about Lee Harvey  
Oswald.

Lee Harvey Oswald was a  
known Communist; was ex-  
posed as a Communist by the  
Information Council of the  
Americas here in New Orleans  
about three months before the  
assassination; and the CIA,  
which is the intelligence arm of  
our government, would certainly  
be derelict if they did not have  
information on known Commu-  
nists.

It is regrettable that there is  
an increasing movement to try  
to discredit the CIA and the  
FBI. This is exactly what the  
Communists would like to see  
done. It is unfortunate that New  
Orleans is a party to the act.

It is about time that red-  
blooded Americans speak up in  
defense of this great nation of  
ours and not be intimidated by  
those who seek to undermine  
our government.

ALTON OCHSNER,  
President, Information Council  
of the Americas.

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